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## Al-Hassan Kanu is Endorsed by City Councilman I. Daneek Miller

Endorsements come as a slew of community leaders from Council District 27 also endorsed Al

During his official office opening in Jamaica, Queens on Saturday (May 8, 2021), Al-Hassan Kanu was endorsed by the person he hopes to replace in the City Council, I. Daneek Miller.

Mr. Kanu was also endorsed by community leaders who all echoed the same sentiment that his hard work and dedication of serving residents in District 27 made him the best choice to represent them in the City Council because of his ability to effectively advocate for their needs.

**Erica Ford, Founder of LIFE Camp**: "I've been living here for 50 years right here in the 27<sup>th</sup> Councilmanic district. Al-Hassan Kanu knows the job. He needs no on-the-job training. Al has been delivering on the front lines for our community for more than 15 years. Al is a leader in the fight for social justice; he'll fight for true community policing model, adequate resources for community prevention programs and police officers hired from the community and appropriately trained to engage with the community to help reduce violence. Al Kanu gets the job done. Al Kanu is always out there finding the work, doing the work and making the resolutions happen. In a community that needs affordable housing Al delivered. When neighbors needed relief from flooding, Al was there. Unfair ticketing – Al got the city to stop. Schools need resources – Al found the money. Al brought in Neighborhood Housing Services to educate and protect homeowners facing foreclosure. Al-Hassan Kanu already made a difference for our community. Imagine what only Al-Hassan Kanu can do as our City Council member.

**Margaret Denson**: "I believe in Al and know he will make a great City Councilman. You can call him at anytime and he will be there for you, working for the people. I have worked with him for many years and have seen how he loves the people and works tirelessly for them to make sure their needs are met no matter what time of day or night it is."

**Gloria Rochester**: "Al will ensure funding for the 116th Pct. and make sure it includes a promised community center and ensure health programs address sickle cell disease."

**Karen Plummer**: "For years my family and I Struggled with the fact that 117th Road at Farmers Blvd. was too narrow to be a two way street. My mother Viola reached out to Al Kanu; Al was able to get 117th Road converted into a one way street. I am supporting Al because when you need something done, Al gets it done."

**Lois Menyweather**: "Al organized a virtual town hall for small business owners in South East Queens to apply for and receive vital government assistance and worked with community organizations and Senator Comrie, to deliver food to seniors and residents in need."

**Linette Townsley**: "For many years, I have witnessed Al's work in the district. He has remained hands on resolving matters that directly impact our young people. Al understands the youth are our future and he continues to invest in them. I proudly support Al for City Council because he will make sure our future is secure."

**Rev. Esther Wiggins**: "Al's approach to politics and community organizing and governing involves moving our community forward by working together. After residents on 183rd Street and Liberty Avenue complained about getting ticketed for parking near homes during a major City construction project, Al worked with Councilman Miller and City agencies to get this stopped and provide a real solution."

Adrienne Whaley: "Al has been of great support over the past several years and with him in office, we know that he will ensure that the creatives and the smallest of business are highlighted and given the resources necessary to sustain and build. With Al, The underrepresented and underserved will have a powerful voice and caring advocate."

Before announcing his run for City Council, Al-Hassan Kanu worked in both the offices of then-Councilman, now Senator Leroy Comrie, Councilman I. Daneek Miller, moving up the ranks from intern to Director of Constituent Services. He also worked for Public Advocate Jumaane Williams as a Queens Liaison and currently serves as Assistant to the Executive Director at the Southern Queens Park Association.

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